



Citation
to accompany the award of the
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
to the
Headquarters, United States European Command

The Headquarters, United States European Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 1 January 1997 to 30 September 1998. During this period of ongoing dramatic, and oftentimes violent change throughout its vast area of operations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, the command staff successfully pursued an integrated strategy of readiness and engagement carefully crafted to fulfill the policies established by the National Security and Military Strategies of the United States. The exemplary leadership, professional expertise and personal commitment of the command's staff were critical to the ability to successfully execute operations and programs designed to respond to and positively shape the security environment. These operations include ABLE SENTRY, JOINT GUARD, DELIBERATE GUARD, NORTHERN WATCH, ASSURED LIFT, GUARDIAN RETRIEVAL, BEIRUT AIR BRIDGE, SILVER WAKE, NOBLE OBELISK, FIRM RESPONSE, HIGH FLIGHT, NOBLE SAFEGUARD, EAGLE VISTA, AUBURN ENDEAVOR, DETERMINED FALCON, SHEPHERD VENTURE, JOINT FORGE, DELIBERATE FORGE, BALKAN CALM, AUTUMN SHELTER, RESOLUTE RESPONSE and a myriad of other military and humanitarian missions. United States European Command forces deployed to the Balkan region supporting the stabilization force and conducted non-combatant evacuations and diplomatic security missions. Instability in the African region required repeated execution of non-combatant evacuation operations. The successful planning and execution of these operations demanded the utmost in time and effort from the entire staff and testifies to their exemplary professional ability and commitment. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, United States European Command have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 30th day of November 1998


Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff